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A History of Lovers Lane:

The Fort Point Peninsula: XVI

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The Allison Parkinson-Palfrey Place What is now generally known as the Parkinson or Palfrey Place had its origins with the Allison family of New Orleans. This exceptionally fine summer retreat is situated on Biloxi Bay in US Lot 4, Section 24, T7S-R9W, and is extant at present day 335 Lovers Lane. The Palfrey Place is now in the possession of the Thomas P. Crozat family, formerly of the Crescent City. The Allison family began their settlement here as summer residents in the late 1850s, on an approximately twelve acre parcel, which was subsequently divided into two additional tracts between 1874 and 1879, by virtue of conveyances to other families from the Crescent City namely those of: Edward L. Israel (1836-1891) and Charles F. Hemard (1828-1888).

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1836), and John Bolls (1822-1833). Emeline Bolls Shaw had married the Reverend Benjamin Shaw, a native of Rhode Island, and minister in the Presbyterian Church. Reverend Shaw arrived in New Orleans in the 1830s where he was the editor of The Protestant Courier. (*The Daily Picayune, January 11, 1873, p. 4* and Bio. And Hist. Memoirs of La., Vol. 2, 1892, p. 379)

Oakland College-Alcorn State University

John C. Bolls, one of the earliest settlers and planters of the Natchez District was a founder in 1830 of Oakland College, a Presbyterian school to educate white males, which was situated on his land. It closed when the War of the Rebellion commenced in 1861. As it did not open after the conflict, the Presbyterian college was sold to the State for the education of its African-American citizens. After Congress passed the Morrill Land-Grant Act in 1862, the Mississippi Legislature in 1871 used funds generated through the Morrill Land-Grant Act to establish an institution for the education of African-American youth. In 1878, it became known as Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College. In 1974, it was renamed Alcorn State University by the Legislature.

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Hugh Allison

In August 1867, Andrew Allison conveyed for $3000 his twelve-acre estate on Back Bay to Hugh Allison (1825-1881), probably his brother. The conveyance was described as lying between the Reverend Mr. Keener's and that formerly known as the Plummer Brick House property. (JXCO, Ms. Land Deed Bk. 30, pp. 164-[illegible]

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PARKINSON

In June 1875, Mary B. Allison sold her 6.41-acre estate to Eugenia Bodley Parkinson (1827-1898), a resident of New Orleans for $4000. Mrs. Parkinson was the wife of Franklin B. Parkinson (1819-1896), who was born at Natchez, Mississippi. They were the parents of three children: Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Parkinson (1859-1930), Mary Eugenia "Mollie" Parkinson (1862-1902) and Robert Parkinson (1864-1925). (JXCO Land Deed Bk. 1, pp. 479-481 and *The Jackson County Times, September 29, 1934, p. 4*)

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Benjamin F. Parkinson

Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Parkinson nor his sister or brother married. In 1900, B.F. Parkinson was a resident of Peter's Avenue, Ward 14 of New Orleans. In his home were his siblings, Mary Eugenia "Mollie" Parkinson (1862-1902) and Robert Parkinson (1864-1925), as well as their servant, Ellen Perry (1850-1900+). Both of the Parkinson men were employed in the insurance business. (1900 Federal Census, Orleans Parish, La., Roll 575, Bk. 2, p. 3)

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In June 1907, B.F. Parkinson added to his estate by acquiring 60 acres of land across Lovers Lane in Lot 5, Section 24, T9S-R7W, from the A.A. Maginnis Land Company for $2000. This tract would later become known as Cherokee Glen, when possessed by another New Orleans native, Henry L. Girot (1886-1953). (JXCO, Ms. Land Deed Bk. 32, p. 462)

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John Ellison Co. Lanark, Sct.-ship "Prosperous" - to James City Co., VA by 1625
m. Ellin Hamilton, to VA on ship "Charitie"
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Robert Ellyson r/o 1648 James City Co., VA
m. Sarah, prob. d/o William Spence
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(Robert owned land in both Maryland & Virginia.)

1. Capt. Robert m. Hannah Gerard (r/o MD to VA)
2. Thomas b. 1638 m. Mary Roberts (r/o Charles Co., MD)

Capt. Robert Ellyson
m. Hannah Gerard
|

1. Hannah m. Capt. Anthony Armistead
2. Gerard Robert m. Anne Myhill

Gerard Robert Ellyson
m. Ann, d/o John Myhill
|

1. John bapt. 1668
2. Gerard b. 1670
3. Robert of New Kent
4. Elizabeth m. John Johnston
5. prob. Thomas

John Ellyson bapt. 1668
m. Elizabeth Mathews
|

1. Robert b. ca1695
2. Ellin
3. Hector
4. Andrew
5. William
6. Saray
7. Charlie
8. Hugh (r/o New Kent Co., VA)

Robert Ellyson b. ca1695 VA; to Charleston, SC
m. Mary Lide/Lloyd
|

1. Matthew b. ca1718 m. Mary ---
2. Robert b. 1720 m. Elizabeth Scott m. Frances Avant
3. Elizabeth m. John Ervin, Sr.
4. Mary m. Hugh Ervin, Sr.
5. John b. 1736 m. Ann Creswell

(Note: Mary b. 1699, d/o Robert Lloyd; to PA from Merionethshire Wales in 1683-ship "Lion". Ellysons r/o PA for a time.)

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Matthew Allison b. 1718
m. Mary ----
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1. Robert b. 1752 (r/o Cheraw/SC)
2. Elizabeth
3. John b. 1762 (r/o PA-VA-SC/NC)
4. James (Cheraw to Upper Laurens/SC) m. Sarah ---

Robert Allison b. 1720; SC R.S.
m. Elizabeth Scott
m. 1766 Frances Avent
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1. James
2. Robert b. 1741 MD m. Mary Johnson
3. William
4. Joseph b. 1753
5. Samuel
6. Francis
7. Moses
8. Lewis b. 1769
9. Watson
10. Margaret
11. Mary
12. Ann

Lewis Allison b. 1769; to MS
m. Margaret Powers
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1. Jonathan
2. Thomas
3. William
4. Holloway
5. Nathaniel
6. Mary
7. Alsey
8. Elizabeth
9. Susan
10. Margaret m. Elijah Anderson (The boys went to TX)

Ref: The Ervins in Mississippi
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